

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 9, 17, 25, 29, 33 and 37-39 being in independent form.

The sole rejection in the Office Action is the rejection of claims 1-40 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as purportedly unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,094,527 to Tsukamoto et al.

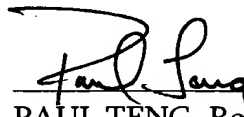
A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith, attached as **Exhibit 1** hereto. Payment of the \$130.00 statutory disclaimer fee is included herewith.

In view of the remarks hereinabove and the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer which overcomes the double-patenting rejection, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this response and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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